## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Group Art Unit No.: 2453

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APPROACHES

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## **REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 25, 2008, extended two (2) months by petition for extension of time herein to February 25, 2009, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 15.